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Application No.:	09/733,387	Examiner: R. Li
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Title:	Novel Human Membrane Proteins and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same	

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)
REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Petition
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Appellants acknowledge the receipt of the Notice of Abandonment mailed on July 26, 2004 ("the Notice"), in which the Examiner indicates that the present application has been abandoned because "(t)he decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on 07/01/2004 and because the period for seeking court review of the court decision has expired" (the Notice at page 1, box 6). Appellants request the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment, as "the period for seeking court review of the court decision", or the period for requesting rehearing, have **not** expired, as discussed in detail below.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(f), the deadline for filing the present Petition is September 26, 2004, which falls on a Sunday and is therefore extended until Monday, September 27, 2004 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. The Petition is thus timely filed. Appellants believe no fees are due in connection with this Petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

REMARKS

On July 1, 2004, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences issued a decision on the Appeal in the above-referenced case (Appeal No. 2004-1103), which finally rejected claims 1-3

and 6-7. As clearly set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.197, following the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, “Appellant may file a single request for rehearing within **two months** from the date of the original decision” (37 C.F.R. § 1.197(b), emphasis added). Additionally, as clearly set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.302, 1.303, and 1.304, following the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, “(t)he time for filing the notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (§ 1.302) or for commencing a civil action (§ 1.303) is **two months** from the date of the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences” (37 C.F.R. § 1.304(a)(1), emphasis added). Therefore, “the period for seeking court review of the court decision”, and the period for requesting rehearing, expires **two months** from the date of the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (July 1, 2004), which is on **September 1, 2004**. Thus, the Examiner’s allegation that “the period for seeking court review of the court decision has expired”, as set forth in the Notice, is completely and totally without merit. Appellants therefore respectfully request the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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